

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 107 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 107) commending the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I rise today with my colleague and friend, Senator LIEBERMAN, to congratulate the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament. I know that I speak for the entire Connecticut Congressional Delegation when I say how proud I am to be able to stand here and acknowledge the accomplishments of this magnificent group of young women.

I have had the privilege of coming to the floor on numerous other occasions to applaud the Huskies for winning the NCAA Division I Tournament. In fact, this is the sixth time that the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball team has won this championship, the second highest number of wins in all of women's Division I history.

As they did in 1995 and 2002, the Huskies went the entire 2009 season undefeated. In addition to this incredible achievement, this year's team added another accomplishment that is truly unique in the history of the NCAA, as it has never before been achieved by any NCAA basketball team—they bested each and every one of their challengers by double digits. This tremendous accomplishment undoubtedly means that this year's team is not only among the best to play at UCONN, but one of the best college teams ever.

Numerous factors contributed to the Huskies' historic win, not the least of which is the steadfast dedication and well-honed skills of the individual players. Every player deserves special recognition for her work, and I would like to take a moment to specifically point out the achievements of the impressive trio of stars that led this year's team. Sophomore Maya Moore, senior point guard Renee Montgomery, and junior center Tina Charles all played critical roles in UCONN's victory. In recognition of their efforts, all three women have won numerous awards. Maya Moore was chosen as the Naismith Award winner, the Wooden Award winner, the State Farm Wade Trophy winner, the United States Basketball Writers Association player of the year, and the Associated Press player of the year. For her part, Renee

Montgomery was chosen as the winner of the Nancy Lieberman award, an honor that is reserved for the top point guard in the Nation. And Tina Charles, who had a staggering 25 points and 19 rebounds in the championship game, was honored as the Women's Final Four Most Valuable Player.

All three players were named State Farm First Team All-Americans and members of the Final Four First All Tournament Team. These are impressive awards and acknowledgments, but none of this could have been done without the other members of the team. These women, all of whom could be starters or stars at other programs, helped to deliver this year's national championship to UCONN. They are without question an impressive squad who have left an indelible mark upon the history of the Huskies basketball program. I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge the great play and important role that these women played. They are: Heather Buck; Lorin Dixon; Caroline Doty; Jacquie Fernandes; Meghan Gardler; Kalana Greene; Tiffany Hayes; Cassie Kerns; Jessica McCormack; Kaili McLaren; and Tahirah Williams.

In addition to the impressive talents of the young women who make up the team, one must not forget Geno Auriemma, who has led the Huskies to six national championships and three undefeated seasons during his tenure as head coach. For his efforts, Coach Auriemma has once again been picked as the Associated Press Coach of the Year, a well-deserved honor for such an accomplished and hard-working coach. And to add another honor to his impressive resume, Coach Auriemma was just named head coach of the U.S. Women's Olympic Team. I am sure he will bring the same dedication and skill to bringing us another gold medal as he has to UCONN. Also, Chris Dailey, associate head coach; Jamelle Elliott, assistant coach; and Shea Ralph, assistant coach, contributed immensely to the success of the team.

However, I firmly believe that the most important factor that led the UCONN women to victory this year is the character of each of the team's players. Make no mistake about it, these young women are very dedicated, and have worked extremely hard to get to where they are now. However, their tireless dedication and perseverance extend well beyond the basketball court. You may be interested to know that the UCONN women's basketball program has a 100-percent graduation rate among 4-year players. This statistic is truly astounding given the amount of time each of these women must spend meticulously perfecting her skills on the court. Clearly, each of these women possesses an unquenchable desire to succeed in everything she attempts, a characteristic that makes the team's triumph all the sweeter.

Madam President, thank you for the opportunity to speak about the accomplishments of the Huskies, a com-

mitted group of young women, whom, it is safe to say, are the pride of the State of Connecticut. Nothing demonstrates this better than the parade that was held in Hartford recently to honor the Huskies on their victory. A staggering 25,000 people came out to thank the coaches and team for their season. In Connecticut, the Huskies are as beloved, if not more so, than any other sports team. We are so proud of their victory and all these impressive young women have accomplished both on and off the court. So from all the fans of the UCONN Huskies in Connecticut and throughout the country and indeed the world, I say congratulations on a tremendous season and a wonderful accomplishment.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 107) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 107

Whereas on April 7, 2009, the University of Connecticut Huskies defeated the University of Louisville Cardinals 76 to 54 in the final game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Basketball Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas the Huskies were undefeated in the 2009 season, with a record of 39-0, and bested each opposing team by at least double digits;

Whereas the Huskies have won 6 national titles, the second most in the history of NCAA Division I women's basketball;

Whereas sophomore forward Maya Moore was chosen as the Naismith Award winner, the Wooden Award winner, the State Farm Wade Trophy winner, the United States Basketball Writers Association player of the year, and the Associated Press player of the year;

Whereas senior point guard Renee Montgomery was chosen as the winner of the Nancy Lieberman award, which is given to the top point guard in the Nation;

Whereas junior center Tina Charles was chosen as the Women's Final Four Most Valuable Player;

Whereas sophomore forward Maya Moore, senior point guard Renee Montgomery, and junior center Tina Charles were chosen as State Farm First Team All-Americans;

Whereas sophomore forward Maya Moore, senior point guard Renee Montgomery, and junior center Tina Charles were chosen as members of the Final Four First All Tournament Team;

Whereas Head Coach Geno Auriemma was chosen as the Associated Press Coach of the Year;

Whereas the University of Connecticut women's basketball program has a 100 percent graduation rate among 4-year players, exemplifying the commitment of the team to achievement in the classroom as well as on the court;

Whereas each player, coach, athletic trainer, and staff member of the University of Connecticut Huskies dedicated their time

and tireless efforts to the perfect record of the team and the NCAA women's basketball championship title; and

Whereas the residents of Connecticut and Huskies fans worldwide are to be commended for their longstanding support, perseverance, and pride in the University of Connecticut Huskies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Connecticut Huskies for their historic win in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Tournament;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the Huskies' victory; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution for appropriate display to the President of the University of Connecticut, Michael Hogan, and the head coach of the University of Connecticut Huskies, Geno Auriemma.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Dennis Shea, of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2010, and Robin Cleveland, of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2010, vice Mark Esper of Virginia.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Francisco J. Sanchez, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, received in the Senate on April 20, be jointly referred to the Committees on Finance and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 22; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans control-

ling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; further, I ask that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 386, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009, as previously ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:06 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JONATHAN STEVEN ADELSTEIN, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE JAMES M. ANDREW, RESIGNED.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

THOMASINA ROGERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2015. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

GEORGE E. LOUGHRAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

RAYMOND B. ABARCA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

IAN C. B. DIAZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

WILLIAM T. HOUSTON
BETTY TASIE
DAVID L. WELLS II

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ELIZABETH M. SHERR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ERIN T. DOYLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

SCOTT A. BIER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

ROBERT G. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO

THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

GEORGE R. BERRY
KIM D. JACKSON
PERRY W. SARVER, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

MICHAEL G. AMUNDSON
MICHAEL L. DEGER
STEVE D. ELLIOTT
DAVID M. FARLEY
TROY J. MOORE
ROBERT S. PARHAM
AUBREY L. RUAN, JR.
LARRY E. SPRUILL
PAUL C. THORN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAINS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

BUSTER D. AKERS, JR.
ALWYNMICHAEL S. ALBANO
THOMAS E. ALLEN
GEOFFREY N. BAILEY
DOUGLAS H. BALL II
MICHAEL W. BAUMANN
PAUL T. BERGHAUS
WILLIAM C. BLACK
THOMAS D. BRUCE
RICKEY W. BRUNSON
STACY K. BUFFINGTON
HARRY E. BYRD, JR.
JOHN C. CAREY
DAVID H. CERUTTI
DARREN J. CHESTER
EDWARD I. CHOI
RALPH O. CLARK
JAMES E. COMBS
DAVID R. CROMEENES
ROBERT J. CROWLEY
DAVID P. CURLIN
BRIAN D. CURRY
CHRISTOPHER E. DICKEY
THOMAS J. FAICHNEY
CHRISTOPHER D. FLORO
RAYMOND E. FOLSOM
EDWARD H. FRANKLIN
DOUGLAS D. GIBSON
KENNETH M. GODWIN, JR.
THOMAS M. GORRELL
JOHN M. GRAUER
ALFRED C. GRONDSKI, JR.
DARRICK M. GUTTING
MATTHEW A. HALL
STEPHEN M. HOMMEL
JOHN F. JENSEN
SOON C. JUNG
MICHAEL KEIFMAN
MICHAEL A. KELLY
JOSEPH M. KILONZO
SUK KIM
MATTHEW S. KREIDER
ANDREW F. LAWRENCE
EUGENE K. MACK
JOHN P. MANUEL
JAMES R. MCCAY, JR.
MICHAEL F. McDONALD
DEREK W. MURRAY
MASAKI NAKAZONO
KEVIN J. NIEHOFF
KENNETH W. NIELSON
KYREMEH S. OBENG
CHRISTOPHER E. OFFEN
GLENN A. PALMER
SE W. PARK
TOMMIE L. PICKENS
CHARLES J. POPOV
BRIAN D. REED
TIMOTHY R. REYNOLDS
CHRISTOPHER D. RICE
ROGER B. RODRIQUEZ
ANDREW ROPP
DAMON D. SAXTON
DAVID R. SCHLICHTER
CHARLES N. SEARL IV
KEVIN S. SEARS
VERNON L. SHACKELFORD
GEORGE W. SHAFFER
KENNETH C. SHARPE
STEVE SHIN
STANLEY V. SMITH
MATTHEW T. STUART
ROGER A. TAYLOR
KELVIN A. TODD
KYLE L. WELCH
CLINTON A. WHITE
MICHAEL T. WILLIAMS
JON C. WILSON
MICHAEL T. ZELL

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 531:

To be major

JOHN W. HAHN IV